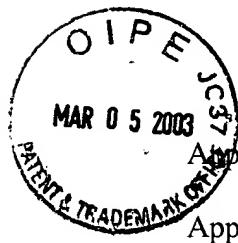


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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2002. As a result of the amendments listed below, Claims 1-17 remain pending and Claims 1 and 3 have been amended.